

REMARKS

Claims 13-18, 20 and 21 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2008 objected to the drawings and rejected Claims 13, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 13 and 16 and cancels Claims 14 and 21. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Final Office Action objected to the drawings. The Final Office Action stated that the subject matter disclosed in Claim 21 is not sufficiently shown in the drawings. This objection has been obviated by cancellation of Claim 21. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13, 15, 17, 18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over *Riddle et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 1,725,302, hereinafter *Riddle*), in view of *Banning* (U.S. Patent No. 1,919,156, hereinafter *Banning*).

Applicant hereby amends independent Claim 13 to include the subject matter of objected to Claim 14. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent Claim 13 is allowable. Because Claims 15-18 and 20 depend from allowable Claim 13, they are allowable for the same reason that makes Claim 13 allowable.


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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is hereby requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned representative.

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